

CF. 868 517-751

Calif. State Library

HISTORY

OF

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY,

CALIFORNIA.

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS DESCRIPTIVE OF ITS SCENERY,

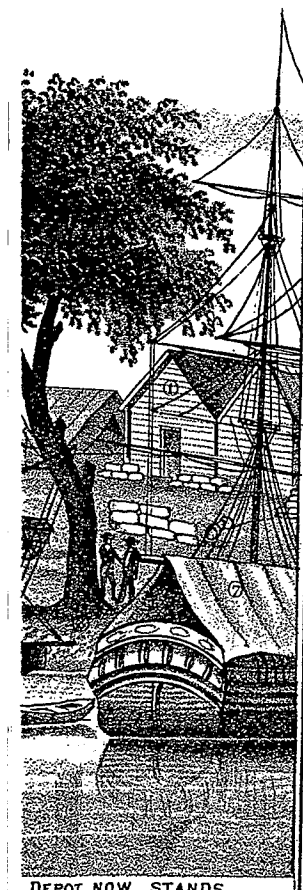
RESIDENCES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, FINE BLOCKS AND MANUFACTORIES.

FROM ORIGINAL SKETCHES BY ARTISTS OF THE HIGHEST ABILITY.

THOMPSON & WEST,

OAKLAND, CAL.

1879.



DEPOT NOW STANDS.

THE PIONEERS AND

C-076095

C-076095

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

<p>CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTORY.</p>	PAGE.	<p>CHAPTER VI. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FROM THE TIME CAPT. C. M. WEBER FIRST SAW IT IN NOV. 1841 UNTIL THE CLOSE OF 1847.</p>	PAGE.	<p>CHAPTER IX. STOCKTON AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY IN 1850.</p>	PAGE
<p>Plan of Work—Difficulties—Thanks for Assistance Rendered— Omissions</p>	9	<p>Capt. C. M. Weber—Expedition to California, 1841—Names of the Party—Sutter's Fort—Hoza-Hasoos—San Jose—French Camp or Weber Grant—Revolutionary Designs of the Foreigners—Treaty between Weber and Hasoos—How it was observed by Hasoos—Fremont's Expedition, 1844—David Kelsey—Thomas Lindsay—Policy of the Foreigners—Weber and Micheltorena at San Jose—John A. Sutter aids Micheltorena—A Revolutionary Document—The "Bear Flag"—Attempt to Settle the Grant, 1846—Isbell Brothers and others Early Settlers—Twins, Second Children born in County, 1847—End of Stanislaus City—First Marriage, 1847—Village of "Tuleburgh"—William Gann First Child born in 1847—Wild Horse Scheme—Resume</p>	14-20	<p>Condition of Stockton—Population of the Territory—Formation of the County—First Officers—Business—Petition to C. M. Weber—Organization of the City—Order for Election—First Officers—California becomes a State—Brick—The "Mary Mason"—Vessels Built in Stockton—Stage Lines—Orders of Court for Tax Licences, etc.—Election Precincts—County Expenses.</p>	24-28
<p>CHAPTER II. THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.</p>	10	<p>CHAPTER VII. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, 1848.</p>	20-22	<p>CHAPTER X. ELECTIONS.</p>	28
<p>CHAPTER III. OCCUPATION OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY FROM 1825 TO 1845 BY THE TRAPPERS. Jedediah S. Smith's Expedition, 1825—Hudson Bay Company, 1828—Young, 1830—Laframboise, 1832—Young, 1833—Game in the Early Days—Management of Hudson Bay Company—J. A. Forbes</p>	10-11	<p>Murder of James McKee and Death of the Murderer—Polo Indians—Discovery of Gold—The Effect on the People—Capt. Weber Prospects for Gold—Discovery of the Southern Mines—Stockton Mining Company—The "Maria"—Stockton Named—Price of Lumber and Labor—Bills of Goods in 1848—The Mines in 1848</p>	20-22	<p>Incidents of Early Elections—Poll List of 1852—Official Rate of 1877—List of State Officers—County Officers—Court of Sessions and Board of Supervisors—Organization of the City—City Officers</p>	28
<p>CHAPTER IV. THE SCOURGE OF 1833 AMONG THE INDIANS OF SAN JOAQUIN AND SACRAMENTO VALLEYS, AND METEORIC SHOWER. Population of 1832—Desolation in 1833—Nature of the Scourge—Meteoric Showers of 1833—How it was Observed in the San Joaquin Valley</p>	11-12	<p>CHAPTER VIII. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN 1849.</p>	22-24	<p>CHAPTER XI. MORTUARY.</p>	28-35
<p>CHAPTER V. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY INDIANS. Names of Rivers—Si-yak-um-na—"Estanislao" and "Jose Jesus"—Ya-che-kum-na—The Calaveras—Mauresto—Canoes—Makel-kos—Four Chiefs—Old Battle-ground—La-las—Ma-cha-kos—Condition and Belief of the Indians—Mauritz—Traditions—Last Attempt to Own Land</p>	12-14	<p>Population—Early Arrivals—First Blacksmith Shop—Business Houses—St. Charles Hotel—Lumber Yard—The "Merrimac"—Ruffianism—Mickey Lyons and Red Davis—List of Executions—Arrival of Gold Seekers—Territorial Convention—Election—Members of First Senate—Attempt to Organize the City—The Courts—Growth of the City—Fire in December</p>	22-24	<p>CHAPTER XII. FLOODS.</p>	35-36
				<p>1805—1846 & '7—1849 & '50—1852 & '3—Stockton under Water—Sailing Across Country in a Boat—Scarcity of Food in Mines—Mr. Sturges' Enterprise—1861 & '2—Ararat of the Plains under Water—Condition of the Country—Incidents of the Flood—1874—Table of Rainfall</p>	3

CHAPTER XIII.	PAGE.		PAGE.	CHAPTER XXIV.	PAGE.
EARLY NAVIGATION TO STOCKTON AND OF THE MOKELUMNE RIVER.		a Jonah—Mansfield Shot by Tabor—Tabor's Sentence, Pardon and after Life—Mansfield's Remains Petrified—Stockton Daily Argus and Weekly Democrat—Suppressed by Government—"Daily Evening Herald"—Stockton Gazette—Daily Morning Courier—Narrow Gauge and Daily and Weekly Leader—Stockton Banner—Student's Review—"Stockton Independent"—Transient Publications	50-54	HISTORY OF THE INSANE ASYLUMS.	
Whale Boats—The "Maria," "Merrimac," "Mintard," "Mansel White"—The "John A. Sutter"—Rejoicing—The "El Dorado"—Rates of Fare—The "William Robinson" and "Mariposa"—The "Union," "Sagamore," "Tehema," "Erastus Corning" and "San Joaquin"—First Steamboating on the Mokelumne—The "Fanny Ann"—The "Pert"—Meeting in Lockeford—Organization of a Navigation Co.—Charter for Collection of Tolls—Failure of Navigation Scheme	36-39	CHAPTER XIX.		Report of Dr. G. A. Shurtleff, of the State Asylum, 1876—Table of Admissions, etc.—Table of Causes of Insanity—Pacific Insane Asylum—Description of Buildings and Grounds—Capacity	73-75
CHAPTER XIV.		RAILROADS.		CHAPTER XXV.	
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY.		First Ideas in 1850—Stockton & Copperopolis R. R. Co.—Benefits—Organization—Subsidy—Partial Completion—Central Pacific R. R. Co.—County Bonds—Final Completion—San Joaquin Valley R. R.—Stockton & Visalia R. R.—County Bonds—Litigation and Compromise—Miles of Railroad in County—Stockton & Ione R. R. Co.—Work Abandoned	54-55	HISTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.	
Condition of the Country in 1851—Necessity of Agriculture—First Grain Crops—Crop in 1852—First Threshing Machine—Grain in Stockton in 1878—Table of Agricultural Products—Farmers' Co-operative Union—Cause of its Organization—Its Achievements—Granger's Union—Reason of its Organization—Results—Table of Granges	39-42	CHAPTER XX.		First Organization in 1850—First Engine, Weber Co. No. 1—Engine House—Members of the Engine Co., 1851—Fire May 6th, 1851—Reorganization—Eurekas and Webers—Hook and Ladder Co.—Report of Chief Engineer, 1854—San Joaquin Engine Co. No. 3—Officers of Fire Department	75-79
CHAPTER XV.		THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		CHAPTER XXVI.	
SWAMP LAND RECLAMATION.		Early Teaching—Stockton Seminary—San Joaquin Female Seminary—Public Schools, 1853—Superintendent's Report, 1853—Teachers in 1852 & '3—Superintendent's Report, 1878—Condition of Schools	55-62	CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS OF STOCKTON.	
United States Grant to the State—First State Grant in 1851—Nature and Formation of the Land—Methods of Reclaiming—Union Island—Roberts Island—Bouldin Island—Staten Island—Sargent Brothers' Farm—Benefits of Reclamation	42-45	CHAPTER XXI.		Early Meetings—First Sermon—Preaching under Difficulties—Catholics in 1848—St. Mary's Church—First Presbyterian Church in 1850—Rev. James Woods—St. John's Episcopal Church in 1850—First Baptist Church, 1853—Congregation Ryhim Ahoorvin, 1855—German M. E. Church, 1855—First Congregational Church, 1865—German Reformed Church, 1870—The Christian Church—African M. E. Church—Second Baptist Colored Church—Central M. E. Church, 1849—J. C. Westbay's Experiences—Sunday Ordinances	79-81
CHAPTER XVI.		BOUNDARIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.		CHAPTER XXVII.	
IRRIGATION.		Approved and Declared Official by the Board of Supervisors, February Session, 1878. Compiled from Records of San Joaquin County by S. G. S. Dunbar, County School Superintendent	62-69	SOCIETIES OF STOCKTON.	
Mokelumne Ditch and Irrigation Co.—Farmington Water Co.—Comparison of Quantity of Water to Rainfall—West Side Irrigation Ditch—Water from Tulare Lake—Bonds of the District	45-47	CHAPTER XXII.		<i>Secret Societies.</i> —I. O. O. F.—A. F. & A. M.—K. of P.—C. R. C.—I. O. G. T.—I. O. R. M.—K. B. C.—B'Nai B'Rith—U. A. O. D. <i>Benevolent Societies.</i> —Ancient Order of United Workmen—Ancient Order of Hibernians—Hebrew Ladies B. S.—St. Mary's T. A. and B. S.—Irish American B. S.—Stockton Turn Verein—Compagnia Italiana De Bersaliera—Stockton Liberal League—German American School Association. <i>Miscellaneous Societies.</i> —Mexican Veterans—Stockton Dramatic Society—First Republican Organization—San Joaquin Valley—Agricultural Society—Stockton Grange No. 70	81-90
CHAPTER XVII.		COUNTY DEBIT.		CHAPTER XXVIII.	
ARTESIAN WELLS.		Deficiency of 1850—Order of Court for Tax in 1851—Table of Sources of Revenue—Bonds of 1852 and Re-issues—Bonds of 1858 and Re-issue—Table of Bonds—Resume—Table of County Expenditures—Assessment from 1850 to 1878	69-70	THE PIONEERS.	
Their Necessity—First Well in Stockton—Properties—Stratification—Comparison—Sectional Plat showing W. L. Overhiser's Wells—Explanation of the Strata—Use of the Wells—Possibilities	47-50	CHAPTER XXIII.		Their Character—Organization of a Society Hall—Articles of Incorporation—List of Members	90-91
CHAPTER XVIII.		MANUFACTURES.		CHAPTER XXIX.	
HISTORY OF JOURNALISM IN STOCKTON.		Natural Advantages—Slow Growth—Difficulties—Crackers—Flour—Wagons—Vessels—Brick—Agricultural Implements—Leather—Harness, Boots and Shoes—Wine—Beer—Marble—Wool—Soap—Paper—Possibilities—Manufacturers—Amount	70-73	BIOGRAPHICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE MATTER.	
Stockton Weekly Times—Republican—Stockton Journal—A Belligerent Attorney visits the Editor—A Gambler objects to being				Pertaining to our Illustrations from Stockton and O'Neil Townships	91-100

APTER XXIV.	PAGE.
THE INSANE ASYLUMS.	
the State Asylum, 1876—Table of Causes of Insanity—Pacific Insane Buildings and Grounds—Capacity	73-75
APTER XXV.	
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.	
Engine, Weber Co. No. 1—Engine fine Co., 1851— Fire May 6th, 1851 and Webers—Hook and Ladder Co. 1854—San Joaquin Engine Co. No. ent	75-79
APTER XXVI.	
OMINATIONS OF STOCKTON.	
-Preaching under Difficulties—Ca Church—First Presbyterian Church is—St. John's Episcopal Church in 1853—Congregation Ryhim Ahoor- church, 1855—First Congregational ormed Church, 1870—The Christian Church—Second Baptist Colored urch, 1849—J. C. Westbay's Experi-	79-81
APTER XXVII.	
ETIES OF STOCKTON.	
F. & A. M.—K. of P.—C. R. C.—K. B. C.—B'Nai B'Rith—U. A. O. ncient Order of United Workmen— is—Hebrew Ladies B.S.—St. Mary's rican B. S.—Stockton Turn Verein Bersaliera—Stockton Liberal League Association. <i>Miscellaneous Societies.</i> ton Dramatic Society—First Repub- jaquin Valley—Agricultural Society	81-90
APTER XXVIII.	
THE PIONEERS.	
of a Society Hall—Articles of Incor-	90-91
APTER XXIX.	
L AND DESCRIPTIVE MATTER.	
from Stockton and O'Neil Townships	91-100

CHAPTER XXX.	PAGE.
CASTORIA TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—French Trappers, 1828—David Kelsey—The Mormons —Early Settlers—Noble & Stevenson—Other Business Men— Preaching—School—French Camp in 1851 and 1878—Lathrop Brethren, or Dunkards—Castoria Grange—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Castoria Township	100-105
CHAPTER XXXI.	
DENT TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—Early Settlers—Bill of Fare—First Crops—"Old Zinc House"—Flood—School House—Cultivation—Collegeville— Atlanta—Ripon—New Providence C. P. Church—M. E. Church, Atlanta—United Brethren in Christ—St. Patrick's Church— Collegeville Grange—Sons of Temperance—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Dent Township	105-108
CHAPTER XXXII.	
DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—Name—Early Settlers—"Massacre of Meeir"—Set- tlers of 1850—First Grain Crop—A Quintuple Murder—Oregon Ranch. LINDEN—Situation—School House—Flour Mills— First Store—The Present Village—M. E. Church South—I. O. O. F.—A. F. & A. M.—C. R. C.—Linden Grange—I. O. G. T. FARMINGTON—Settlement—Business—School House—Cumber- land Presbyterian Church—M. E. Church—Farmington Ware- house Co.—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Douglass Township	103-113

CHAPTER XXXIII.	PAGE.
ELKHORN TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—The Pico Grant—Settlers in 1850—First Crop—Horses Stampeded by Elk—Wood's Ferry—First Threshing Machine— History of Wheat—School House—Grasshoppers—Army Worm —Calaveras Baptist Church. LODI—Location and Name—First Store—Union Church—School House—Lodi Mill and Ware- house Co.—Lodi Land and Lumber Co.—Lodi Hall Association —Business of Lodi Churches—I. O. O. F.—L. O. G. T.—K. of P. WOODBRIDGE—Settlement—J. H. Woods—Flood of 1853— Dance July 4th, 1855—Town Laid Out 1859—Title to the Lands—Woodbridge To-day—Woodbridge Academy— <i>Wood- bridge Weekly Messenger</i> —United Brethren Church—Presbyte- rian Church—M. E. Church—Catholic Church—I. O. O. F.— A. F. & A. M.—I. O. G. T.—K. of P.—Grange—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Elk- horn Township	115-121
CHAPTER XXXIV.	
ELLIOTT TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—Mokelumne River and Valley—Thomas Pyle and the Smith Grant—Early Settlers—Bear Creek—Bridge, Post-Office, etc.—Picnic—Elkhorn Lodge, I. O. G. T.—Sons of Temperance —LOCKEFORD—Situation—Settlement—The "Pert"—School- House—Congregational Church—St. Joaquin Catholic Church— I. O. O. F.—I. O. G. T.—Lockeford Grange—ELLIOTT—De- scription—M. E. Church South—Grange—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Elliott Township	121-126

CHAPTER XXXV.	PAGE.
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—Soil—First Settlers—First School House—Old Liberty —Fertility—The Leading Early Men—Acampo—The Christian Church—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Liberty Township	126-128
CHAPTER XXXVI.	
TULARE TOWNSHIP.	
Location—Doak and Bonsell—The "San Joaquin"—Murder of Breyton—Settlers in 1850—Murder of John Cook—Hanging of Five Mexicans by Vigilantes—Two Men Hung at Slocum's Ferry—French Boy Shot in Corral Hollow—Hanging of James M. Jones and Tom Bell—Murder of Goldman—Other Crimes— The Ferries—Wickland—Mohr's Landing—Bethany—Bantas —Ellis—Tracy—San Joaquin City—Game—Flood of 1862—A Hairy Mammoth—Soil—San Joaquin Plains Baptist Church— Granges—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Tulare Township	128-133
CHAPTER XXXVII.	
UNION TOWNSHIP.	
Boundaries—Character of Soil—Swamp Land Reclamation—Staten Island—Bouldin Island—Early Settlers—White House Brick Yard—Benson's Ferry—First Grain Raised—Wild Animals— The "Mary Bowers" and "Ceres"—Flood of 1862—M. E. Church South—Biographical and Descriptive matter pertaining to our Illustrations from Union Township	133-135

MAPS.

	PAGE		PAGE		PAGE
Castoria Township	between 8, 9	Elkhorn Township	between 8, 9	O'Neil Township	between 8, 9
Dent "	" 8, 9	Elliott "	" 8, 9	Tulare "	" 8, 9
Douglass "	" 8, 9	Liberty "	" 8, 9	Union "	" 8, 9